

**THE STORM WATER BOARD OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA
HELD A MEETING IN THE 3RD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM OF THE CITY/COUNTY
BUILDING, NEW ALBANY, INDIANA ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2007 AT 10:00
A.M.**

PRESENT: President Tim Deatruck, Member, Sam Asberry

OTHERS: Secretary Tina Haley, Maintenance Supervisor Tom Cannon, FMSM Steve Mayes, Kristen Dunaway, Legal Council Mike Summers, EMC Brian Dixon, Jerry Taylor, FCSWCD Kevin Feder.

CALL TO ORDER: Tim Deatruck called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:

Mr. Asberry motioned to approve the minutes of the Storm Water Board meeting for February 2, 2007. 2nd and passed unanimously.

Mr. Deatruck, welcomed Mr. Dan Coffey (not present) as the City Council liaison to the Storm Water Board. As the Board has stated in the beginning the long term success of this municipal body depends on the partnership between the City Council and this Board. Today marks the official beginning of that alliance. Although Councilman Coffey does not have a vote on this Board his input is encouraged and welcomed. Storm Water meetings will not be used for campaigning or political purposes of any kind. Public will be allowed to speak to agenda items or voice concerns regarding drainage issues only. As the Board chairman I will not allow our Board to be tainted or used as a vehicle for private interest.

Mr. Deatruck stated for public record that the City Council tabled the ordinances that would allow the Storm Water fee to developers. It's a possibility that this Board may be responsible for those fees.

Communication Public:

Eric Lawson – 218 E Daisy Ln.

Mr. Lawson showed pictures of his parent's property during the September flooding. The house was completely surrounded by water. Mr. Lawson stated that impervious areas keep growing and adds more water to their property. Mr. Dixon replied that we are addressing drainage issues and prioritizing them.

Communications Staff:

Marcy Wisman, City Clerk – Ms. Wisman received a call from a resident on Beechgrove Ave. that reported a previously patched storm sewer was caving in.

Storm Water Billing – Kelly Welsh:

Ms. Welsh ask the Board for approval to postpone penalties on storm water billings till the end of March. **Mr. Deatrick motioned to approve, 2nd and passed unanimously.**

EMC - Storm Water Manager:

Jerry Taylor – discussed the new call in complaint log that will be part of our back up documentation. The first section is to be filled out when the call comes in and given a work order number then given to Mr. Cannon for site investigation to determine if it can be done in house, needs engineering study or project needs to be contracted. Pictures will be taken before and after. With the Boards approval we would like to remove the completed projects and add them to a completed spreadsheet. Mr. Taylor will also develop a prioritized contractors and engineering study spreadsheet. Mr. Taylor also discussed the new employee daily job form. This will help Mr. Taylor and Mr. Cannon when they are scheduling work. Mr. Deatrick ask Mr. Taylor about the possible illicit discharge on Pamela Dr. Mr. Taylor spoke to Scott at EMC and he will investigate the situation on Pamela Dr. Mr. Deatrick ask Mr. Taylor to update the completed work spreadsheet once a month for the Board. Mr. Deatrick inquired about a preventive maintenance schedule. Mr. Taylor explained that weather permitting the plan was to do 3-weeks corrective maintenance and 1-week preventative maintenance with focus on areas where there will be Community meetings. Mr. Deatrick replied that the Storm Water Department should have 2 more employees by March 1st.

Mr. Dixon submitted a list of February claims to Mr. Deatrick.

Mr. Dixon received a proposal from Nextel for the Storm Water Department phone service, \$330.00 to buy 6 new phones and a monthly rate of \$350.00.

Mr. Dixon was asked by the Sewer Board to take a look at the drainage fee being assessed to the WWTP. When the plans and calculations were reviewed they are being billed for the large oxidations ditches and clarifiers that receive rain waters does not leave the system until it has been treated. Mr. Dixon feels they should not be assessed for those. Their monthly fee is for 70 units and Mr. Dixon request it be reduced to 50 units based on his review of the impervious area.

Board approved.

Maintenance Supervisor – Tom Cannon

Mr. Cannon showed pictures of preventive maintenance work on Rear Market Street. and the Fairmont area. Oakwood will be ready in 2 weeks. We are having success with the door hangers. Mr. Cannon would like to be able to put community meeting dates on the hangers. Door hangers were hung in the Mt. Tabor neighborhood. Mr. Deatrick ask Mr. Cannon how many door hangers have been used. Mr. Cannon estimated about 250. Mr. Deatrick ask Mr. Cannon if he had been to Hickoryvale subdivision to look at maintenance. Mr. Taylor explained that they had and many of the issues in Hickoryvale will fall under capital projects. Several streets in the area are without catch basins. Mr. Taylor, Mr. Cannon and Mr. Dixon discussed attaching letters to door hangers in areas that have been assessed with drainage problems. With the Boards permission we would like to hang the door hangers with letters addressing the problems in the area and community meeting dates attached. **Board approved.**

Mr. Taylor explained that weather has affected some work and they were working on catch basins. Mr. Deatrick ask what was the projection time on creek work. Mr. Dixon replied he would have some projection time by the next meeting.

Legal Council – Mike Summers:

Mr. Summers received a returned signed receipt on 2209 Reno Ave. Mr. Dixon has permission to do the dye test. Property owner had a plumber remove the washer from the sump pump line.

Mr. Summers prepared the proposals for the Council meeting and sent to Ms. Wisman, City Clerk. Mr. Coffey tabled the proposal at the meeting. If the council members want more information they just need to ask. Mr. Summers will contact Mr. Coffey. Mr. Deatrick said to coordinate everything through Mr. Coffey.

Mr. Summers is still working with Allegra on violation forms; there have been some changes and modifications to the forms.

Mr. Taylor explained that some property owners have fences in easements and when we need to do work in those areas we will remove fences but not set them back up. We may need legal advice in the future.

Mr. Deatrick inquired about illicit discharges along the River (Riverside Recycling and car lot).

Mr. Dixon feels the Board needs to contact the businesses through a letter explaining violation concerns. Mr. Deatrick ask FMSM to draft a letter and have legal council and Board review for approval.

FMSM – Update:

Mr. Mayes submitted a Permit Summary from FCSWCD. Mr. Deatrick ask Mr. Feder how often he does inspections. Mr. Feder replied about every two weeks.

Mr. Deatrick told Mr. Feder that Mr. Rosenbarger suggested that he supply the City Council the value of your services. Mr. Dixon suggested contacting surrounding towns and see what their inspection fees are.

Community Meetings – Mr. Summers questioned community meetings with all Board members present could violate the open door statute. Mr. Summers will check statute but suggest that meetings be advertised as a legal notice in the Tribune. Ms. Haley will contact the Tribune today to advertise the Community Forum at Mt. Tabor School on 2-21-07.

Newsletter approved for mailing.

Distribution list approved for monthly mailing.

Signs came in and will be taken to the Storm Water Department.

Parcel Boundary Layer – Working on and should be rapped up by next week.

Education & Outreach - Ms. Dunaway is meeting with Community Montessori today to discuss how they can work with the Board.

Earth Day – FCSWCD will have a booth at the Falls of the Ohio on Earth Day. **Mr. Deatrick motioned to participate with FCSWCD on Earth Day. 2nd and Passed Unanimously.**

Capital Improvement Software – FMSM will provide field training for Mr. Taylor and Mr. Cannon.

SWAC Meeting will be around the 1st or 2nd week of March. Discussion topics will be:
Qualified Professional Training/Testing.
Illicit Discharge Workshop
501 (c) (3) Organization.
Regional Watershed

Future Meeting Topics:
IDEM Phase II Permit Status – March
IDEM Compliance Report – April

FMSM and EMC will work together to generate a quarterly report for the City Council due in April.

Mr. Deatrick ask Mr. Mayes if a date had been set for the FEMA Mitigation Meeting. Mr. Mayes replied there has been no formal announcement yet.

Old Business:

September Storm Projects – Mr. Dixon and Mr. Taylor will work together on this and should have something put together by next meeting.

WNAS Interview – Mr. Deatrick’s interview went well and feed back was good.

City Council Liaison – The City Council has appointed Dan Coffey liaison for the Storm Water Board.

Billing Staff Cost Sharing – Mr. Garry should have information available at the Sewer Board workshop meeting on 2-20-07.

Mt. Tabor Community Forum – On track for 2-21-07. FMSM passed out the packets for the meeting.

Cherry Street - Mr. Taylor checked catch basins in the area and found no problems or complaints from residents.

New Business:

Proposal from Sewer Board for Donohue Study. – Tabled - pending information from Sewer Board.

Future Community Meetings – March, West End Area.

Sump Pump Inspections – Mr. Deatrick suggest that we investigate options. How do surrounding communities handle sump pump inspections? Mr. Dixon recommended we continue with what we are doing and not pull staff to do inspections. Look at High School participation, set ground work. Look at having sump pump information put on sewer bills. Tabled pending cost information and Sewer Board approval.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Storm Water Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Deatruck, Chairman
New Albany Storm Water Board

Tina Haley, Secretary
New Albany Storm Water Board